



The Question of Futurity:

Where Am I Going?

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No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. - John 3:13 NLT

WHAT JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT YOUR FUTURE:

1. You Will LIVE FOREVER

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16 NIV

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

- John 5:28-29 NKJV

2. The Future is MORE REAL THAN NOW

And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. - Luke 24:41-43 NIV

For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. - 1 Corinthians 15:53 NLT

The creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. - Romans 8:21 NLT

3. He Wants to BE WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE

Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going. - John 14:1-4 NLT

To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord - 2 Corinthians 5:8 KJV

4. He Wants to REWARD YOU IN THE FUTURE

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. - Matthew 6:20 NLT

*And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.
- Matthew 19:29-30 NIV*

THE TWO THINGS TO DO NOW:

- SECURE Your Destiny

. . . I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. - John 11:25 NLT

Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. - John 12:25 NIV

I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. - John 5:24 NLT

- SET YOUR MINDS ON Your Destiny

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. - Colossians 3:1-2 NIV

Walk the Talk

A Small Group Guide

Read: Colossians 3:1-14

1. When buying clothes are you a name-brand buyer? A bargain hunter? Does quality or style matter? Or could you care less!?
2. Why do you think it is so important to set one's mind and heart on "things above" in the future? How is Christ our "life" in practical everyday terms a centering of our vision on that future?
3. Why does our awareness of a coming judgment (v. 6) become an incentive to "put to death" the old life we once lived and "put on the new self"?
4. Why is it important to live in a future where ethnic, economic, racial lines are no longer important (see v.11)? How does that future reality change the way we interact with each other on these issues here?
5. Pick out a piece of the spiritual garments we are called to "clothe" ourselves with in verses 12-13. Which one is the most important to you right now? Why?
6. How does our "life below" change, with the people we interact with on a day to day basis, when our "life above" directs our choices?
7. How can we as a group be bound together in perfect unity to a greater degree?